

Tuck's Inlet Is Mentioned

Grand Trunk Files Plans Showing Probable Terminus on the Pacific.

Mr. Walnwright Says Directorate Has Not Yet Made Final Decision

Governor-General Comments on Dawsonites' Keen Sense of Sport.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Grand Trunk Pacific deposited plans with the department of railroads today showing the terminus of the Pacific coast to be Ketchikan, at the entrance to Tuck Inlet. The plans will be submitted to Mr. Emerson when he returns to town next week. Ketchikan does not appear on the admiralty charts. Tuck's Inlet is some distance south of Port Simpson and is between that point and Skagway river.

Mr. Walnwright, a director of the Grand Trunk Pacific, said tonight that the filing of the plans with the department did not imply that the Pacific coast terminus was definitely fixed. So far as the directors were concerned they had not made up their minds yet.

The Governor-General attended the Athletic Club's bazaar tonight and delivered a capital address, commanded legitimate sports and said it was a marvel to him to learn that a hockey team would travel from Dawson to Ottawa, a greater distance than from London to Ottawa, to show their power.

The difficulties between the government and Mr. Goodwin, the lowest tenderer for the National Museum, have been adjusted and Mr. Goodwin accepts the contract.

Application will be made at the next session for an act to incorporate a company to buy the Canadian and Atlantic Columbia Railway Company, with power to construct a line of standard or narrow gauge railway from some point in Vancouver, or some other convenient place on the shore of Burrard Inlet, thence running in a westerly and northerly direction by the most favorable route to Squamish valley thence through Pemberton meadows to the northern boundary line of the province, with a branch from some point on the main line to Barkerville.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ARGUMENT.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The house committee on the election of president, vice-president and members of congress today heard Mrs. C. B. Colby, of Portland, Ore., in favor of the French bill providing for woman suffrage.

TOD SLOAN TO GET \$40,000.

Paris Jockey Club Must Pay for Bartering Him Off the Turf.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The court of appeals has confirmed the judgment of the lower court favorable to "Tod" Sloan, the American jockey, and against the Jockey Club. Sloan sued the Jockey Club for \$40,000 damages for being warned off the turf.

BUILD WARSHIPS CHEAPLY.

Unprecedented Low Bids Made by Great United States Shipyards.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Unprecedentedly low bids were offered today for the construction of the battleship New Hampshire and the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina, proposals for which were opened at the navy department in the presence of representatives of the shipbuilding companies from the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. It is probable that an official announcement will award the contract for the cruisers to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company for \$3,375,000 each, and the battleship to the New York Shipbuilding Company for \$3,758,000, those being the lowest bids offered, and as not more than two ships can be awarded one company. The lowest aggregate bid for these three ships was exactly \$1,377,000 less than the aggregate lowest bids for three ships, a little over a year ago, a reduction of 11 per cent in price. The navy department, which qualified at the reduction, is unable to assign any reason for it except the fact that the shipbuilders are bad in need of work.

EXTRADITION CASE
FROM QUEBEC

The Appeal Case of Green and Gaynor Argued Before Privy Council.

London, Dec. 17.—The privy council, which yesterday began hearing the appeal of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Green and Gaynor, adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments today. Judgment will be rendered December 19th.

Donald MacMaster, K. C., of Montreal, concluded his argument in behalf of the United States today and was followed by Herbert H. Asquith, former home secretary, representing the two respondents. Mr. Asquith contended there was no ground for the intervention of the privy council. The most their lordships could do was to express an abstract opinion on the merits of the case. Mr. Asquith complained of the form in which the American government had presented the case. This form seemed to him highly improper. He proceeded to read a paragraph in the American printed case, commencing "Whether the judge in the discharge of his duty" and ending "Nor indeed do they think it necessary to do so."

The lord chancellor, Lord Halsbury, concurred, saying: "I must deprecate the introduction of such matters into the appellant's case. They cannot affect our judgment on its merits."

Mr. MacMaster left London for Queenstown this afternoon to overtake the steamer Canada, which sailed for New York today by way of Queenstown, hoping to be home by Christmas. He said to the Associated Press that he was confident the decision of the privy council would be in his favor. What would be the next step of the United States attorneys he did not care to say. Mr. MacMaster did not expect Greene and Gaynor to surrender for extradition. He said the paragraph referred to by Mr. Asquith was irrelevant, but by taking exception to it the respondents emphasized the point made by the American government.

Re Arming the Artillery

London, Dec. 17.—The war office and the treasury have at last reached an arrangement to provide funds for the rearmament of the artillery, and it is understood that War Secretary Arnold Forster yesterday signed contracts which, with the guns to be built at Woolwich arsenal, will result in the supply of 130 batteries of field artillery and 30 batteries of horse artillery with the new pattern guns within nine months.

AN AMERICAN REPORT.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.—A special to the Express from Pasadena this afternoon says that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, will cut short his visit to California by reason of a huge political scandal alleged to be brewing in Ottawa, and which has for its supposed object the defeat of the government party.

HUNGARIAN DISSOLUTION.

Buda Pest, Dec. 17.—It is semi-officially announced that the Emperor Francis Joseph will come to Buda Pest early in January and dissolve the Hungarian parliament in state. It is also asserted that a general election will be ordered for January 26th, and that the new parliament will meet February 15th.

VICTORIA WON
Both Games

Interesting Matches With Vancouver Players at Oak Bay Yesterday.

Home Ladies Won by 4 Goals to Nil and the Men by 6 to 1.

The first hockey matches of the season took place at Oak Bay yesterday before quite a number of spectators. The games were between Victoria and Vancouver, the first, which commenced at 1:30 p. m., being between the ladies and the second game between the men's teams. In both matches Victoria won by a substantial score.

The Victoria ladies' team shut out the visitors, winning by four goals to nil, while the men's team won by six to one.

General Nogi further reports that he sent Major Saito, accompanied by Prof. Ariga and an interpreter, to Salicchio to deliver a reply which was accompanied by the following letter to General Stoessel: "I have the honor to assure you that the Japanese army respecting humanity and treaties since the beginning of the war, has never purposely directed shells against buildings or vessels flying the Red Cross flag, but the greater part of the garrison is destined from our gun positions, and as you know shells do not always reach the place to which they are directed, and especially owing to your long and brave resistance the deviation of our guns is becoming greater and greater. So with the greatest regret we are unable to guarantee to reach the places at which they are directed."

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Pleads For Wounded

The Heroic Commander of Port Arthur Sends Pathetic Letter to Nogi.

Complains of Bombardment of the Hospitals by the Japanese.

Appreciative Enemy Explains That Worn Guns Will Not Shoot Straight.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The following despatch was received today from the Japanese army before Port Arthur: "Two letters from General Stoessel to General Nogi reached headquarters at 8 in the evening of December 15th. The first read as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that your army has bombarded our hospitals, which are largely distinguished by Red Cross flags. These insignia are visible from your artillery positions. I make this request from my high esteem for our brave heroes, who after gloriously fighting with your force, lie wounded in the hospital under the Red Cross. Among those heroes are some Japanese wounded. I avail myself of the opportunity to convey to you the assurances of my high respect."

Accompanying this letter was another from General Stoessel to General Nogi saying: "I hereby entrust the bearer, Barashoff, Lauga, huntmaster to the Emperor and superintendent of the Red Cross to negotiate with your excellency in order to remove the hospitals outside the dangerous zone during bombardments. It is needless to say that we have respect for your right to promote the success of your operations."

Pencilled on the envelope was the following: "Barashoff will come to the same place on the afternoon of December 16th to receive your reply."

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Nine Burned
With Steamer

The Glen Island Bursts Into Flames in Long Island Sound Yesterday.

But for Officers and Crew Many Lives Would Have Been Lost.

New York, Dec. 17.—By the burning of the Starin line steamer Glen Island in Long Island Sound today, nine lives were lost and property roughly estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was destroyed. That more lives were not sacrificed was undoubtedly due to the personal courage of the officers and crew and the excellent discipline maintained when a horrible death for all seemed almost a certainty. When the steamer was abandoned she was flame-swept from stem to stern, and the only persons who lost their lives were those whose escape had been entirely cut off by the fire before the alarm reached them. Of the ten passengers and the crew who sailed on the steamer, 22, including eight passengers, were brought back today.

Capt. McAllister, of the Glen Island, says: "I believe Assistant Engineer Hendrikson must have been buried at sea. It was impossible for the six members of the crew to get from their bunks in the firebox where they had been sleeping. We heard their cries, but there was not a chance to rescue them. Fireman Miller, who had dragged a lot of people out of their bunks and to safety, was not able to get her to safety. I can't see that woman roared to death. I am going to get her. I told him it was impossible, but Miller saying 'it's worth a try, anyway,' plunged right through the fire and reached the woman. As he picked her up and turned to jump overboard with her or to jump back we could see that his clothing and her dress were afire. At that moment the deck gave way and both went down into the water."

Mr. Shallerup referred the ladies and Lieutenant Elliston the men's game.

WOOD ALCOHOL POISON.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 17.—A report has reached here that Captain Spriggs and five others of the crew of a pushboat from Prestonsburg, are dead from drinking wood alcohol.

ST. MARKS, VENICE.

Italian Government About to Under-take Restoration of Basilica.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Minister of Public Instruction Orlando, answering an inter-rogation by Deputy Santini today, regarding the Basilica of St. Marks, Venice, said that the condition of the Basilica was that of almost all the Venetian monuments because of the long neglect in which they were left, but exaggerated alarm warranted the scheme for restoration, which had been well studied and pondered over. He concluded by assuring Deputy Santini that he had ordered a complete restoration of the Basilica to be made immediately, and said that it would be the next step of the United States attorneys he did not care to say. Mr. MacMaster did not expect Greene and Gaynor to surrender for extradition. He said the paragraph referred to by Mr. Asquith was irrelevant, but by taking exception to it the respondents emphasized the point made by the American government.

BISHOP OF PITTSBURG ILL.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—Right Rev. Richard Phelan, the venerable Roman Catholic Bishop of Pittsburg, is dangerously ill and not expected to outlive the night.

Russian Cruiser Goes Back.

Nyborg, Denmark, Dec. 17.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Okean passed here at noon today, proceeding southward. The Okean was last reported at Tangier, Morocco, December 7th, and was proceeding eastward. It is to be presumed that the Okean sustained some damages and is now returning to Kronstadt.

Marine Accidents.

Tug Loses Propeller—Lloyd's Agent Assesses Damages by Collision.

Port Townsend, Dec. 17.—(Special)—The tug J. M. Colman, of this port, lost her propeller last night in Fresh Water Bay below Port Angeles, the tail shaft breaking off clean. She towed her right and goes to Seattle for a new wheel.

The damages to the British bank Anconia and the German bark Neck, which collided here Wednesday night, were surveyed by Lloyd's representatives today. The Britisher was found to be damaged to the extent of \$6,000, and the German \$3,000.

"SIC TRANSIT GLORIA."

Thousands Employees Require Year's Time to Dismantle World's Fair.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—S. H. Harris, president of the Chicago House Wrecking Company, drew a check for \$500,000 today in favor of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, and thereby became the owner of the famous "Ivy City," with buildings and contents. One thousand laborers will be at work most of next year tearing down, taking apart and shipping the stuff to the buyers. There will be 300 master mechanics to do the fine work and 100 furniture handlers to transfer the innumerable pieces of manufactured equipment, not to speak of 450 police to stand guard day and night. Mr. Harris was optimistic of turning a large sum to his company's account. Among the items in the purchase are 100,000,000 feet of lumber, 200,000 square feet of window sashes, 1,500,000 square feet of skylight, 5,000 flags, \$65,000 worth of copper wire, two complete hospitals, fire department, a complete railway plant, including cars, tracks and power house, 10 steam rollers, \$25,000 worth of surveyor's instruments and seven all-steel steel buildings.

London, Dec. 17.—There has been a remarkable spread in the religious revivals which were started at Bolton, Lancashire, on September 4th of this year by Rev. Reuben A. Torrey and Chas. M. Alexander, of Chicago, Wales, which is largely nonconformist, is ringing with activity, and the churches are crowded on week days and on Sundays. Some of the places of worship will not accommodate those who wish to attend and people gather in halls and in the open streets. All classes are affected. No such movement has been known in Wales during the past half century, but the leaders of the revivals, noting this fact, point out that similar religious demonstrations have occurred at intervals of fifty years of time, and cite as instances the years, 1750, 1800 and 1850. A notable difference between the Welsh revivals and other revival meetings is the fact that the proceedings are conducted by those on the platform. The leaders commence the singing and the congregation takes up the singing continues uninterrupted for hours. The meetings, which commence early in the evening last far into the night, and sometimes the singing capacity of churches is taxed to the utmost until 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. The miners commence work at 6 o'clock, but they ungrudgingly sacrifice their hours of rest to attend the meetings.

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The effect of the revival movement is noticeable everywhere, and it is stated public houses are almost empty. Formerly they were crowded with miners after the working hours. Drunkenness, however, one unknown in the Rhondda valley in Glamorganshire, where prayer meetings will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of precedents affecting international naval conditions and the rights and responsibilities of belligerents and neutrals in time of war. The British and Russian members of the commission will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a number of

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Presentation Umbrellas; regular
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A REMARKABLE OFFERING IN LADIES' SILK WAISTS

For money's worth, this waist discounts anything you or we have ever heard of in Ladies' Silk Waists. A brand new, up-to-date Silk Waist, which for fit, finish and workmanship is simply unapproachable; the equal of any Waist at \$6.50 ever offered in British Columbia, will go on sale Monday morning at this store for THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

It is made of an extra quality China Silk, finished with fine lace insertion, and neatly tucked, and may be had in any size from 32 to 40 bust, in the following colors:

White, Black and Champagne.

One Hundred and Fifty Dollars Given Away

A Coupon given with every One Dollar Cash Purchase.

1st Prize, value....\$100.00 2nd Prize, value....\$35.00 3rd Prize, value....\$15.00

Just the Thing that You Want to Give

Special Sales for Monday	Just the Prices That You Want to Pay
Ready-to-Wear Hats, worth up to \$4.25.	Hand Bags 30c. to \$18.50 Handkerchiefs, per set 35c. to 65c.
Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, in boxes 3 for \$1.25	Ebony Goods 65c. to \$7.00 Sofa Cushions \$1.50 to \$14.75
Ladies' New Stock Collars, from 25c. to \$3.50	Umbrellas 50c. to \$13.50 Toys and Dolls 25c. to \$5.00
Perfume 25c. to \$1.00	Furs 90c. to \$3.00 Fancy Linens 50c. to \$5.00
Bill Cases \$1.25 to \$1.75	Fancy Novelties 15c. to \$10.00 Toilet Sets in Cases \$2.00 to \$7.00
Fans \$1.25 to \$5.00	Ribbons 25c. to 75c. yard Belts 25c. to \$3.50
Children's Dresses \$1.00 to \$5.00	Lace Ties 25c. to \$1.50 Ladies' Hose 30c. to \$2.00
Garters in Fancy Boxes, 35c. to \$1.50	
Real Lace Handkerchiefs \$1.00 to \$1.50	
Lace Collars 25c. to \$1.00	
Jackets \$5.50 to \$75.00	

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What Some People Say

That Klenameetdinooth, the Indian prisoner from Nauhitti only needs a "sky" or an "Ovitch" on the end of his name to be a full-fledged Russian general.

That Abraham Joyce of Fernie must have troubles of his own in keeping track of his various official titles.

That the children are counting in days now.

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GENEROUS PUPILS.

Yesterday at the Victoria public schools there was a happy scene to be witnessed as the children trooped in bearing all sorts of articles from their own abundance as offerings to their poorer friends for Christmas tide. The children exceeded the record of former years in the number, variety and value of their gifts this year, and it was a grand pile, indeed, that was borne by wagon to the Market Hall, where the distribution will take place, under the auspices of the Friendly Help Society. Those contributions will be duly acknowledged separately by the society in a later issue of the Colonist. Tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday opportunity will offer the public to add to those contributions from the public, and on Thursday the various articles will be distributed at the Market hall, beginning about 10 o'clock in the morning and continuing until all are given away. The ladies of the Friendly Help Society are very much pleased with the results of the voluntary contributions this year.

BYLAWS UPHELD.

Mr. Justice Martin Dismisses Action Taken by Mrs. Cameron.

In the Supreme court yesterday Mr. Justice Martin handed down his decision in the application made on behalf of Mrs. Jessie Cameron to have the two bylaws providing for the expropriation of certain property and the extension of Birdege Walk quashed.

His lordship's decision has the effect of upholding the bylaws. He said: "On further consideration of this matter, I am unable to find any merits in the objections raised against these bylaws, and consequently, the rule nisi is discharged with costs."

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THE DAWSON ELECTION.

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LAYING THE FIRST CABLE.

The completion of the submarine cable by which the Telephone Company has been enabled to connect Vancouver with Victoria via Blaine and the group of islands of which San Juan is the chief, recalls the reminiscences of early days when Victoria was first electrically switched on to the wide world. It was a memorable day that in the history of the old colony.

The failure of the laying of the Atlantic cable in 1858 set on foot an enterprise having in view the connection of the two hemispheres by a land line and cable via Beulah Strait. A company was formed known as the "Overland Telegraph (Russian Extension) Company," which was subsequently merged into the Western Union Telegraph Company. Surveys were made, and in 1864 the telegraph line from the United States entered British Columbia and New Westminster. Construction from the point where the line entered Quesnel Mouth, following the valley of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers, along the wagon road leading to the Cariboo mines. In the autumn of 1865 the line was completed and commercial business established from New Westminster to Quesnel Mouth.

The same and following year a branch line from Swinomish, Washington Territory, was constructed via the San Juan archipelago connecting with Victoria.

The route of this line was across four islands—Lopez, San Juan, Sidney and Vancouver, five channels aggregating fifteen miles in length, which were crossed by submarine cables. In this connection, we have the note made by Sir James Douglas in his daughter's journal, in the following language. It will be observed that the love of Sir James for nature in all its forms crops out in his reference to the tulips coming into bloom:

Monday, 23rd April, 1866.
A beautiful, warm day. The telegraphic cable connecting Victoria and San Juan Island was successfully laid today, and messages were sent both ways, immediately after the laying of the cable. There is still a strait of three and a half miles, from Lopez Island to the continent, to span with the cable before the line of communication is complete. It will be finished in another day if no accident or stoppage occurs.

Tuesday, 24th April, 1866.
The remainder of the cable was laid today, and Vancouver Island is now brought into communication with the world. A memorable day for the colony. Wet, disagreeable weather during the greater part of the day. Tulips coming into flower.

To complete the story of the "laying of the cable" to connect two continents, of which the above is an incident, three miles from Quesnel Mouth the main line crossed the Fraser to the west, and following thence a northwesterly course towards Beulah Strait, reached

—by the 27th of July, 1866—point on the Skeena River known as Fort St. George. Here it was that the news of the successful laying on that date, and the satisfactory working of the second Atlantic cable, reached the construction party, over the wire which they had stretched from Quesnel Mouth 300 miles toward Beulah Strait. The enterprise of an overland telegraph via Beulah Strait was, on receipt of this information, abandoned, though the line from Quesnel southward connecting with the main system to Victoria having since been maintained. Large quantities of line material and supplies carried inland from the coast were left where they had been stored, the cost of freighting them out being more than their value. A large sum was also expended in preparation for laying the cable in Beulah Strait, in which the steamer George S. Wright, fully equipped, manned and under able discipline, was engaged. It is estimated that the work in this connection in British Columbia cost the company \$3,000,000.

In 1867 a line from Quesnel Mouth to Barkerville, a distance of sixty miles, was constructed by Mr. T. R. Buley, who, as a private contractor, had since been maintained. By purchase the Provincial Government assumed control of the telegraph lines of the Province in 1869, and in turn they fell to the care of the Dominion Government after Confederation. Nainaimo was connected by a line from Victoria in 1878, and in 1880 the Government laid the cable across the Gulf of Georgia from Valdez Island to Point Gray, thus connecting Vancouver Island with the mainland, from which date the old line via San Juan archipelago was abandoned.

Travelers through the northern interior still come across the wire for the overland line which was left, being too old and fresh to have great durability, if it has been maintained. For building their wonderful suspension bridges that are found across the rivers and streams in Cassiar, and for other purposes. An overland line via Beulah Strait will probably yet be an accomplished fact, although the necessity which first placed the enterprise on foot has long ceased to exist. It is possible, of course, that wireless telegraphy may be the means of communication used for this purpose. The cable described was a remarkable advance at that time but when we consider what progress has since been made in the use of electricity, the landmark recorded by Sir James in 1866 becomes a mere incident in its history.

BUSINESS IN VICTORIA.

Commercial conditions in Victoria never were better. The merchants are doing a good business and stocks are large. If any other advertisement were required, we have it in the advertising columns of the local press. The rush for advertising space in the Colonist has been phenomenal, as the appearance of today's issue will show. So far as we have heard there are no complaints and the feeling is generally one of confidence and satisfaction. Confidence is best expressed in the large stocks carried and the fine displays of goods.

— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SIR—Will you kindly tell me through your paper what is the distance in miles from Land's End to John o'Groats, and also the population of Scotland, and oblige.

HARRY PENN.

The distance is 994 miles, and the population of Scotland at the last census was 4,472,163.—ED.

PILOTAGE INVESTIGATION.

SIR—I have to complain that your reports of the Baker investigation have been very inaccurate.

For instance, this morning it was stated that I admitted that the pilots had acted singly and independently of the command. It was said that if Mr. Baker's statement was true, that the money had been voluntarily given to him by the pilots, then it must be looked upon as a straight bribe, and that Mr. Baker and the pilots must be considered as equally guilty.

The statement of the pilots was true, that the money had been extorted from them, and their conduct was entirely without blame.

I contended that the documentary evidence and surrounding circumstances supported the pilots and tended to show that Mr. Baker's account of the matter was untrue.

JOSEPH MARTIN.

AFTER TEN YEARS.

Mr. G. L. Stephenson, of Peterborough, says: "For over ten years I suffered constantly with Piles, first Itching, then Bleeding; pain almost unbearable; life a burden. Tried everything in vain till I used Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid.

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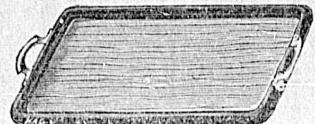
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Doylies, Tray Cloths, Table Napkins, Bureau Scarfs, Table Centres, etc.

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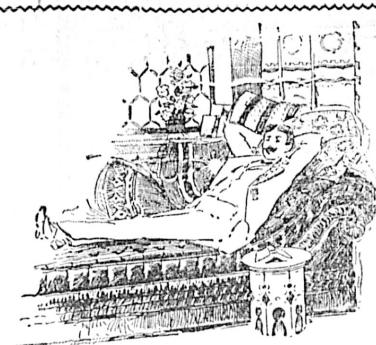
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STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

Local News.

Police Court Clerkship.—It is learned that there is quite a number of applications for the position of clerk of the police court, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Frank Page. The choice rests with the city council.

Is Recovering.—Mrs. Fred Peters, who has been in St. Joseph's hospital for three or four weeks past and who has been under a very dangerous operation from which it was hardly hoped she would recover, is now much better and steadily improving.

Successful Recital.—Yesterday afternoon in Waitt's Hall the pupils of Miss Archibald and Miss Messenger gave a very skillful recital, which was listened to by a large gathering of parents and friends. The proficiency shown by the young students said much for the careful and skillful training imparted by Miss Archibald. The programme as published in full in the Colonist yesterday morning, was adhered to throughout.

Sidney Mill Sale.—Sheriff Richards yesterday at Sidney offered for sale the Sidney mill, the lumber in stock and the appurtenances. The sale of the lumber realized sufficient to meet the demands upon the mill property. The mill and its outfit were, therefore, not sold.

"Pretty Peggy" Returns.—Telegrams from Vancouver yesterday evening made positive the assurance that Victoria's request for a return of Miss Jane Corcoran in "Pretty Peggy" has been granted, and the Aiston-Baxter Company will again be seen in this picturesque and very satisfactory comedy on Thursday evening next. That it is well worth pronouncing is willingly attested by those who witnessed the production last Friday evening and headed the appeal for a return. The cordiality of the audience on that occasion was much appreciated by the star and company. Miss Corcoran writing that she has never played to a more sensitive audience or one responding more quickly to touches of true art. The box plan for subscribers will open tomorrow morning at nine, and seats may be secured by others the morning following.

Seriously Ill.—It was reported yesterday evening that Simeon Duck, one of the pioneers of Victoria and a large property holder, was seriously ill, his condition being such as to cause his relatives and friends the gravest apprehension for the outcome.

Tuesday Evening's Concert.—Miss Marrack will give a concert on Tuesday evening next at Institute Hall. The programme of varied and interesting character, will consist of some very effective numbers in the shape of ladies' quartettes, sextettes and trios, besides others for male and female voices, solos, some of the latest songs with violin obligato. An extremely fascinating dance in Japanese costume by fourteen young ladies is another attractive feature. The programme, which will be given in full, Tuesday's Colonist, contains an indication of an amusing comic sketch by prominent local actors. Tickets for reserved seats may be marked at Waitt & Co.'s music store on Monday and Tuesday. Miss Marrack's success as a concert promoter needs no comment. "The Pirates of Penzance" was a good example of the kind of treat in store for her patrons.

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MERELY MARY ANN.

Thrilling Adventures of Puget Sound
Schooner in North.

The little 96-ton sailing schooner Mary Ann reached Ballard Thursday night from Nome, completing a voyage replete with exciting incident, and her party of three who also threatened the life and limb of the Post-Intelligence. Her passengers and crew not only faced death through what seemed certain loss of the vessel through the fury of the elements, but starvation as well. It was only the good fortune of the crew and their party of three in having a two years' supply of provisions aboard to carry them through a protracted venture of that duration in the Cook Inlet country that everybody aboard was not lost.

The Mary Ann's record is as seaworthy and glorious and honorable enough. She was built in the Atlantic fifty-two years ago. The fate of fortuitous sailing on to the Pacific a few years after she had gone into commission. So long as six years ago she was a tug, steam propeller, operating in Humboldt bay, California. Next she was converted into a sailing craft, and as such operated in Behring sea, with Nome as her headquarters.

It was October 17 that the Mary Ann set sail from Nome for Seattle by way of Cook Inlet. She had agreed to take Melville and his party to Cook Inlet. But after running Ultima pass was blown out into the open ocean. Capt. Besse, her master, had laid out his course up

the Alaska peninsula, through Shelikh strait, and by Kodiak on into the inlet. But unfriendly gales sent him hundreds of miles out to sea. In fact, he estimates that he was carried out of his course at least 1,000 miles. For days and days he beat around in the open ocean.

Meanwhile his supplies grew distressingly low. At last they gave out entirely. Then it was that he had to make a requisition upon the provisions with which Melville and his associates had equipped themselves.

Finally the Mary Ann got back on her course and came on to the Sound. Her passengers went ashore at Ballard, coming on to this city.

RITHET & CO'S. REPORT.

November Review of Trade and Commerce Conditions in Victoria.

Following is the report of Messrs. Rithet & Co. for November just issued.

We have no change to note in the freight market since our last report. One or two vessels have been taken up for grain at low rates, but the first price of grain offers no inducement to shippers, and business is therefore almost at a standstill.

In the absence of any prospect of improvement a large number of vessels have left in ballast.

The dullness in lumber freights almost equalled that in grain, although towards the end of the month the China rate stiffened, and several fixtures are reported.

For other business our quotations are somewhat lower.

We quote freight as follows:

Grain—San Francisco to Cork, f. o. 17s. 6d.; nominal; Portland to Cork, f. o. 17s. 6d.; nominal; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, nominal.

Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 28s. 9d. 20s.; Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s. 6d.; Port Pirie, 30s. to 30s. 6d.; Fremantle, 38s. 9d. to 40s.; Shanghai, 32s. 9d. to 40s.; Taku, 45s. to 47s. 6d.; West Coast, 38s. 9d. to 42s. 6d.; 37s. 6d.; South Africa, 48s. 9d. to 51s. 3d.; U. K. or Continent, 50s. to 52s. 6.

MARINE NOTES.

Tug Lorne came up from the Cape yesterday and passed up to Vancouver to tow the British ship Pallas, lumber laden, to sea.

Steamer Queen City arrived last night from the West Coast. She had a good cargo. It was an uneventful round trip.

VICTORIA TIDES.

At this port today the tides will be as follows:

High water 11:01 a.m.

Low water 7:36 p.m.

TATOOSH MARINE REPORT.

Tatoosh, Dec. 17—Cloudy; west, 10. In, steamer Titania, 850 a. m. Noon—Cloudy; south, 12. No shipping. Evening—Cloudy; south, 10. In, steamer Mackinaw,

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Services—Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning service and ante communion, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. Preachers—Morning, Rev. Canon Beanlands; evening, Rev. W. Baugh-Allen. The music for the day follows:Morning: Voluntary Tucker
Psalms for 18th morning Cath. Psalter
Te Deum Oakley
Benedictus Longdon
Kyrie Russell
Glory Russell
Hymns 47, 52, 288
Voluntary EveningEvening: Voluntary Tucker
Procreational Hymn 270
Psalms for 18th evening Cath. Psalter
Magnificat Tunle
Nunc Dimittis Stalmer
Hymns 193, 51, 49
Recessional Hymn 281
VoluntaryST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
At St. John's the pastor, Rev. Percy J. Jenks, will be the morning presbyter, while the occupant of the pulpit in the evening will be the Bishop of Columbia. The musical programme for today is:Morning: Voluntary Smart
Psalms Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum Second Set
Benedictus Hayes
Kyrie 48
Hymns And, in D flat
Gloria Tid Tallis No. 3
Hymns 250, 225
Postlude EveningORGAN—Meditation Wheddon
Psalms Psalter, Second Set
Magnificat Barany
Nunc Dimittis Monk
Hymns 203, 235
Doxology Griswold
Organ—Chorale GriswoldCHURCH OF OUR LORD.
At the Church of Our Lord, services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., with sermons by Rev. H. J. Wood. The music for the day is:Morning: Organ—Aria J. L. Bushner
Voluntary and Psalms As Set
Te Deum, 18th morning Alternation
Benedictus Dykes
Hymns St. 80, 70
Organ—Allegro DietrichEvening: Organ—Andante Mee Pattison
Psalms As set
Magnificat Garrett
Nunc Dimittis Garrett
Hymns 75, 73, 81
Doxology Sullivans
Organ—Allegro Mee Pattison

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. respectively. Rev. Mr. Dean will preach in the morning, and the pastor, Dr. Campbell, in the evening. The subject for the evening will be "Are All the Race of Men—European, Ethiopian, Mongolian and Indian—Descended From the Same Pair—Adam and Eve?" The foregoing is for young people particularly, and they are cordially invited to attend.

Junior Christian Endeavor Society meets at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning; Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Musical selections follow:

Morning: Hymns 384, 227, 100, 152
Athens—"Teach Me, O Lord"; Neukom EveningHymns 22, 404, 70, 310
Athens—"Then, O God, Art Full of Compassion"; De Monte

Soprano solo, Miss Wilson.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.

Services will be held in the morning at 11 a. m. and in the evening at 7 p. m. The pastor, Dr. W. Leslie Clay, B. A., will be the preacher. Sunday school at 2:30; Bible class at 3. The musical portion is as follows:

Morning: Voluntary—"I Waited for the Lord"; Mendelssohn

Psalms 403, 368
Hymns 463, 446, 432

Voluntary—"Behold the Lamb of God"; Handel

Evening: Voluntary—"Qui Est Homo"; Rossini

Psalm 62
Athens—"The Eyes of All Wait Upon the Lord"; Clare

Solo—"O Rest in the Lord"; Mendelssohn

Miss Kayton

Voluntary—"Marche Funèbre"; Mendelssohn

* * * METROPOLITAN METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; classes, 10 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible classes, 2:30 p. m. Splendid music under direction of Gideon Hicks. Everyone welcome.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. J. P. Westman, will preach at 11 a. m. and in the evening at 7 p. m. Rev. T. H. Wright will assist the pastor and will preach. The service will be bright and attractive, and all are invited. A strong choir of thirty voices, led by Mr. W. Hicks, will provide good music. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m.

* * * VICTORIA WEST METHODIST.

The pastor, R. J. McIntyre, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "The Place of Obedience in the Religious Life"; evening, "The Scarlet Line in the Window"; Sunday school and Bible class in the afternoon at 2:30.

* * * CALVARY BAPTIST.

The pastor, Rev. J. F. Vichert, M. A., will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "The Divided Gold"; evening, "The Place of Obedience in the Religious Life"; evening, "The Scarlet Line in the Window"; Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p. m.; 4 Y. P. U. Monday day, 8 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.

* * * EMMANUEL BAPTIST.

Morning worship at 11 a. m. and preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. Lee Dakin, B. A.; subject, "The Broken Hearted Christ"; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; Evening sermon, 7 p. m., preaching by the pastor's subject, "God's Goodness." Strangers cordially invited. Everybody welcome.

* * * ST. PAUL'S GERMAN LUTHERAN.

There will be services at 11 a. m. conducted by Rev. William Heinecke. Children's services at 10 a. m.

* * * ZION CHURCH.

The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, Regular meeting of the local branch, every Lord's Day at 3 p. m., and every Thursday evening at 7:30. Deaconess J. K. Jardine, conductor. Special services by Elder R. M. Simmons the fourth week of each month from Tuesday evening to Thursday evening—20th to 22nd December.

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In many respects the most remarkable dramatic offering of this or any recent season at the Victoria Theatre is that arranged for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of the coming week, when Mr. Ben Greet's company of London players is to turn back the march of countless years and introduce hurrying western Canadians to the drama of the mediæval ages—the old morality play or religious allegory which serves as the foundation and beginning of the serious drama of the present day, the stage entertainment which has its part in the religious, educational, and philosophical schemes of Christian civilization. It is a daring venture—an artistic innovation that at first blush seems fated to dire failure. People must say here, as they have in countless other places no less moderately amazement, that the masses of today are too much a working folk, their days consumed by business and its cares, to devote their few hours of evening leisure to aught beside seafarers from toil and worry, desirable and necessary recreation and amusement. The book or play necessitating serious and even profound reflection is one that is read, but for the leisure classes. And yet the same was said in regard to the opening of "Everyman" in the teeming London, in New York, in many other cities where popular interest in and patronage of "Everyman" has contradicted flatly the superficial conclusions of the all-wise critics, too ready to assume the garb of prophecy.

But as to the promised deeply religious study that Victoria is to see and analyze on Tuesday evening next. When

the stage are symbolized; the flowers denote cultivation of the soil; the little organ, art; the violin, music; the cushion, rest; after labor; and the candle, worship and thanks due. For all such a double stage was generally used to denote any change of locality required, and will be used now when practicable. The characters—entering when possible from the audience—speak often in monologue, especially those representing abstractions, that being the primitive style of delivery. Those characters representing actual human type are allowed a little license of the stage.

"You will doubtless agree," says Mr. Greet, "that in the play we have the drama in its primitive integrity, where the art is all in all, and its exponents ever secondary; that the span between this ancient abdication to our language and the regular drama is all too short to allow any doubt of an immediate connection; that light, however dim, cannot be too often shed upon the early gropings towards perfected dramatic composition, and that all this affords reason enough for a remark or so here upon the department of dramatic literature to which 'Everyman' belongs. In passing to that, however, it is interesting to observe with what fidelity this ancient drama abides by the Aristotelian laws of tragedy. The action and verification of the play is simple; the type of action is that of the performance; the scene is never changed and the stage never empty. Moreover, in stimulating religious feelings; in arousing the tragic emotions of pity and fear; in suggesting the Hellenistic fatalism that happiness is pre-

Annunciation and Lazarus of the same cycle, the Coming of the Three Kings, the Coventry Salutation and Conception, Birth of Christ, Adoration of the Shepherds, and Adoration of the Magi, and the other scenes of prophethum and Antichrist. The music includes "Whidie Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "Gloria in Excelsis," "The First Nowell," "We Three Kings of the Orient Are," "The Coventry Carol," "Little Tiney Child," "Adeste Fideles, Amen" (Dresden), "Summer Is Icumen in," "Perli Terlo," and "Nunc Dimittis." Some of the music dates from the twelfth and thirteenth centuries; some is by Palestrina, sixteenth century; some by Reid, seventeenth century; that of the Gloria is adapted from a mass by Charles Gounod; that of the Nunc Dimittis is by Father Fuhr (Frater Raphael); and that of the Coventry Carol is by Sam H. Goodwyn, author whose direction the music is arranged.

The past week has pretty effectively demonstrated that the Grand, under the management of Robert Garrison, has won the field as a family vaudeville house of the first quality. And "crowding no more for each and every performance" has emphasized the meaning of the victory. It has been a great show that the Grand has given, with no fewer than eight feature acts and every one of at least five of them so particularly good that it is a hard task to pick a headliner. Katherine George in her "Exaggerated Raisorial Culture" is perhaps the best contortionist yet brought to Victoria. Her sister Marion is a violinist par excellence, playing upon a rare old instrument, some of the most difficult and classical works, which we display her admirable technique, and also favorite folk songs, unfolding the beauties of her remarkably sympathetic voice. Frye and Allen have a comedy sketch in which are a real comedy and nicely of it; some singing, both members of the company, singing, both members of the company, singing, both well-trained voices. The Juggling Bunkers are just as marvelous as at any in their club manipulation although their hoop-rolling has several times been outshone upon the stage of the Grand. J. O. Wise more than made good all promises, being not only phenomenally clever and ambidexterous in blackboard caricature, but an interesting

greatest illustration of animal education that upon the road. It was of this act that the Perry, Iowa, Advertiser says: "A very good act," said: "Musilier with his trained domestic animals is one of the strongest feature attractions ever offered by a carnival management as a free attraction. His exhibitions are of the highest quality, and his platform draws like a plaster. His pigs and sheep seem endowed with human intelligence and their work proves Musilier's right to the claim of king of animal trainers. But the sheep and the pigs and Mr. Musilier are not the whole show by any manner of means. Sam and Ida Kelly are to offer a quaint comedy sketch under the title of 'Sam and Mandy.' The Ellets, famous harpists and soloists, are to make their first appearance in Western Canada. Tommy Hayes, the trick bone soloist, will introduce his original specialty. Mr. Roberts will sing, "All's Fair in Love and War," the song being appropriately illustrated—and the moving pictures will be on the humorous order, saving some hitherto unpublished particulars of the "European Pest Cure."

It's the same old story at the Redmond Theatre—big show, big audiences, big appearance. In the first three nights of the just-ended week something over \$1500 was turned away, the house being sold out each successive evening, and in the three nights more than six hundred people being disappointed. For the week it is estimated roughly that about thirteen hundred world-class pros were unable to gain admittance, which is a most popularly unparalleled in percentage to population drawn upon. The week opened most satisfactorily with "Miss Hersey from Jersey," a nonsense house somewhat on the lines of "Charley's Aunt," and absolutely without plot, sequences or ought in it save ridiculous times and situations that provoke unchecked laughter. Mr. Bird and Mr. Redmond in the two chief comedy roles crowded each other for honors, there being not a serious moment for anyone, while either of them held the stage. "Miss Hersey from Jersey" has only so much of a plot as may serve as an excuse for impossible and absurd situations, generally hanging upon the jokes of the friends of the girl, and making the "heavy" instead of character. She, as well as Miss Eddie Redmond and Mrs. Phoebe Minnie, indeed all the company, have abundant opportunity to wear their very best garment. For the latter part of the week is reserved the fine play "Caste," in which Mme. Myee makes her Victoria professional debut as the new leading woman of the Redmond company.

Large audiences were the rule all last week at the home of burlesques and vaudeville, the Savoy. The merry musical extravaganza, "Miss Cinderella," as presented by the "Bob Hewlett Merry Burlesques," was the magnet. The long list of specialty features succeeding the burlesque also met with unbounded approval. For the week commencing tomorrow the Hewlett company will offer the rollicking comedy success in three acts, entitled "Happy Jack," or "A Bootblack's Christmas." This little playlet is said to be crowded with surprises; laughter, tears, sensational features combining to form a most attractive show, next to the full-length of the Hewlett and Savoy stock companies. An entire change of specialties is also promised, and presenting these a number of new and clever performers will be introduced. The one big special event of the week will be the fifteen-round glove contest, Jim Oakley of H. M. S. Shearwater vs. Tich Neillings, R. G. A., which is underlined for Friday evening, December 23d. It is announced that there must be a decision—no draw will be accepted. The event is under the direct control of the Savoy management, who will spare neither expense nor trouble to make this one of the big sporting events of the season.

Opinions are sure to differ as to the welcome or unwelcome character of the announcement that the bill has been changed for Miss Florence Roberts' appearance on Monday evening next, and that instead of giving Victoria the expected "Marta of the Lowlands," the popular actress will be seen in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," last given at the Victoria some years ago by Mrs. Minnie Maddern Fiske, who is this year reviving it with extra-



MISS FLORENCE ROBERTS

ordinary success in New York city. If versatility be the proof of genius, Miss Roberts, who is conceded to be "the representative actress of the West," may be accounted one of the greatest actresses of the age. Comedy, farce, and tragedy are alike to her, and there is no art on the American stage who has achieved so many triumphs in such a number of divers roles. With a keen appreciation of artistic entity she always surmounts and conquers her performances are dignified and artistic treats. Miss Roberts' appearance in this city will undoubtedly draw a large and brilliant audience. Melbourne MacDowell, who has been a star himself, will be Miss Roberts' principal support, while other familiar names upon the roster of the company are those of Messrs. Lucas Henderson, William Verney, Sterling Lord Whitney, Frank McQuarrie, Christian Lynton, Gregory Rogers, Ferrell, Seabury, Al. White, Philip Lord, Royce, Adele Worth, Lillian Armento, Theo Parsons, Alice Allen, and clever little Ollie Cooper. Miss Roberts is using the Lorimer Stoddard dramatization of Thomas Hardy's world famous novel. The play develops from a pretty story of English rustic life into a thrilling tragedy of sex and the actress' infinite skill. She has only lately added it to her repertoire, but the critics pronounce it an artistic achievement worthy to rank among her best creations.

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FROM THE FAR SOUTH

Captain Scott, R. N., commander of the British Antarctic expedition, lectured in the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, on "Farthest South." The lecture was under the auspices of the Tyneside Geographical Society, who made the occasion a most important event of their season. The hall was crowded, and all the most prominent members of the society were on the platform to welcome the sailor whose great work in the Arctic regions has received such marked recognition. The Duke of Northumberland presided.

Captain Scott prefaced his lecture by briefly sketching to the audience the amount of knowledge possessed of the Antarctic region prior to the expedition which he commanded, and which Sir Clements Markham and Mr. Llewellyn Longstaff had done so much to promote. That knowledge was not very ample. Practically east, west and south of what Ross had discovered the chart was blank. Referring to the circum-polar, he showed how imperfect our knowledge was, and still is, of the distribution of land and water within the Antarctic circle. The Antarctic area was divided into four quadrants, of which the Ross quadrant was allotted to the British expedition. It was here that Sir John Ross discovered the sea that bears his name. Sir John was in a sailing ship, and saw things only dimly and at great distance. The geographical problem was, therefore, in brief, to find out what lay to the east and west, and to the south of what Ross had seen. Besides that, there were various subsidiary subjects. For the purpose of the expedition a special ship was laid down in 1900 at Dundee. Considerable applause greeted the series of pictures of the Discovery before and after she left her building berth. The audience, too, got an idea from an elevation of the cramped quarters in which the officers and men spent the three years of their voyage. The voyage to the extreme southern seas was described in detail, and the audience grasped every phase of the interesting passage from the many fine photographs which were shown on the screen. The impression given of the first pack ice encountered and of the great marine in Victoria Land was most vivid and realistic. But picture most picture was excellent, and they were unique and striking results of the camera.

Many of their experiences, said the lecturer, were very tantalizing, because just as they were about to prove some interesting point, a fog would come on and nothing could be seen. Most of the ice-islands were very shallow and sloped towards the edges, which led them to

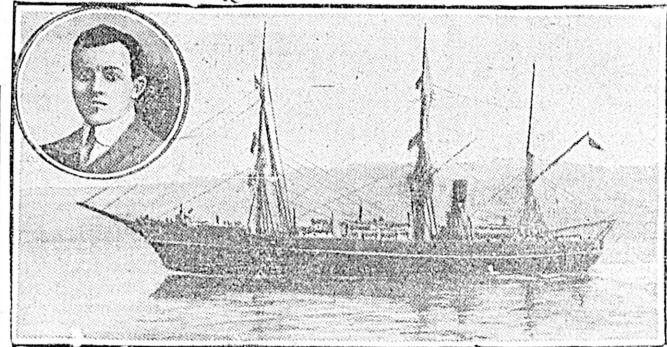
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The journey lasted three months, food got short, many of the dogs had to be killed, and when 180 miles from the ship Mr. Shackleton became seriously ill. How Captain Scott and Dr. Wilson brought their sick comrade back to the ship, unaided by dog traction, after being absent 92 days, was told with true sailor's modesty. All they took with them on the sledged trip, beside the things they stood up in, were their sledges. On their return to the ship it was a glad sight to see the relief ship Morning, which had picked up the record left by the Discovery at Cape Crozier. They got news from home, and provisions and luxuries which they had not enjoyed for a long time. Finding they could not break up the ice, they settled down to their second winter with no regrets. Four miles separated the two ships. There was no idleness. Much valuable work had to be done in connection with the facts collected, while the health of the party was kept at the highest possible point by skating and football.

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A Chinaman residing in the New Town at the south end of the city had a narrow escape last night from a falling tree, which demolished his house and killed his son. John was outside at the time and thus escaped. The high wind was the cause of the disaster.

The wires in this district are in a deranged condition, the heavy wind last night having played havoc with them. Linemen are busy today repairing the breaks.

Steamer Amur arrived in port tonight from the north via Vancouver. She carried a cargo of ore from the mines in Alaska for the Tyee smelter, and is now loading coal preparatory to leaving for Victoria. The Amur experienced rough

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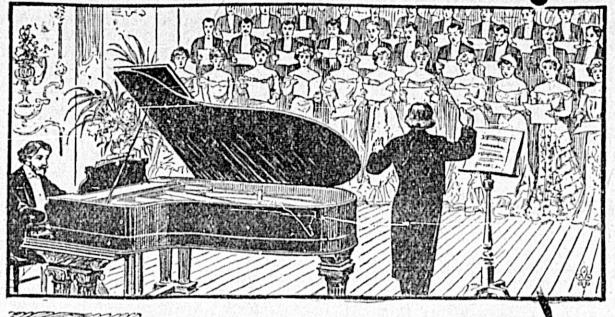
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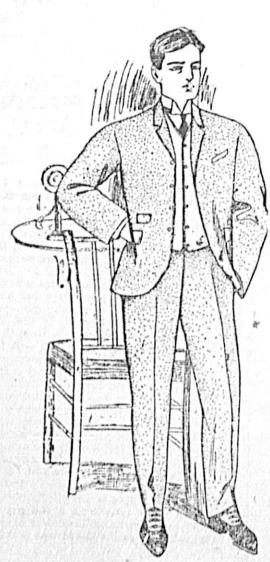
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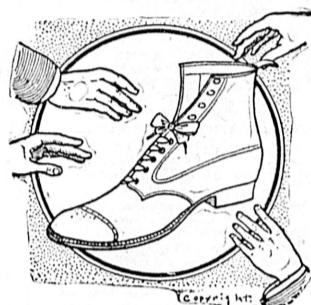
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Special Value in High Grade Pants in Worsted and Whips- cords and Vieunas, ranging from \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$5.00

Men's Suits in English Diagonal, Extra Heavy, Blue or Black, Strictly Tailor Made, Lined With Farmer's Satin or Italian. Xmas Special \$15.00

Men's Suits in Blue and Black Serge, Square or Round Cut, Well Made. Xmas Special \$5.75

Men's Suits in English Wire Serge, any style you wish. Xmas Special, Suit \$8.75

Men's Suits, Assorted Scotch and English Tweeds, Dark or Medium Patterns, First-Class Make. Xmas Special, Suit \$10.50

Men's Suits in Plain and Fancy Worsted, All Imported. Special Value, Suit \$12.50

Men's Suits in English Negligee Over-shirts, in French Percale and English Flannel, well made, ranging from 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00

Men's Flannelette and Oxford Overshirts, Fancy and Plain, well made, ranging from 25c, 35c and 50c

Men's Heavy and Light-Weight Working Gloves in Asbestos, Tan and Saranie, ranging from, pair 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

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The Notables of Europe

Written For the Sunday Colonist

Mr. Justin McCarthy, the veteran journalist and author, has just celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday. It is fifty-six years since the historian of "Our Own Times" commenced work as a junior reporter in Cork, and more than half a century ago he first became speeched by Mr. Gladstone for the Northern Daily Times of Liverpool, being accommodated with a seat in the corridor behind the strangers' gallery for the purpose. Forty years later he sat in the House itself as leader of the Irish Home Rule party, in succession to Mr. Parnell.

A valuable collection of personal effects and relics of King Charles I. has been placed in the Whitfield Museum by Mr. P. Berney Ficklin, the owner of the well known blue silk vest which for some time past has hung on view in the same institution. The latest additions include a cornelian seal, several memorial snuff-boxes, one of which is made from the wood of the scaffold on which the monarch was beheaded, loyalist badges, coins commemorating the sieges of Newark and Pontefract, and a curious miniature of the King, with sixteen transparencies representing His Majesty in a variety of costumes. There are also a miniature in ivory of Queen Henrietta Maria, a gold-mounted chain of Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Charles I., a ivory snuff-box with a model of Arundel Castle, a gold ring of King Charles, with a lock of his hair, and a gold locket.

The Princess of Wales has sent, through the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, a doll, specially dressed by herself, for the exhibition and sale of work in Belfast in aid of the Homes of Rest and Workshops for the Cripples and Orphans in Ireland, a project with which Her Royal Highness has expressed her sympathy. The Countess of Dufferin opened the exhibition on December 6.

Lady Curzon has been conveyed from Walmis to Highcliffe Castle, near Bournemouth, the residence of Mr. W. G. Cavendish Bentinck, by special train, all the arrangements for the patient's comfort being personally supervised by Lord Curzon of Kedleston himself. Her Ladyship suffered no inconvenience from the journey, and is expected to derive much benefit from the bracing air of the locality.

Dr. William Miller, O. M. L., the first vicar apostolic of the Transvaal Colony, was this week consecrated Bishop of Pontrilas, in Pwyll, Asia Minor, by Archbishop Bourne at the Roman Catholic Church of the English Martyrs, Towerhill. Dr. Bourne had as assistant bishops Dr. Gaudentius, Bishop of Kimberley, and Dr. Downton, Bishop of New Westminster, B. C., both of them members of the Oblate Order. Father Lenoir, of Kimberley, and Father Laurent, of Johannesburg, were amongst the members of the order present from afar. The new vicar apostolic was born in Mountrath, Queen's County, in 1858, and having been educated at Autun, in France, was ordained a priest in 1881, by the late Cardinal McCabe. Since 1898 he has been assistant superior of the Oblate Order.

A monument has just been placed in the antechapel of Magdalen College, Oxford, in memory of four former undergraduates who lost their lives in the war in South Africa—Major His Highness Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein, Captain Charles Kershaw Elworthy, Captain Albert Savory, and Lieutenant Edward Vanrenan Ingham Brooke. It consists of a tablet of bronze framed in green stone, carrying a brief Latin inscription and

to be erected at Nairobi, the headquarters of the Uganda railway, and is the gift of Mr. A. M. Jeevanjee, Indian and East African merchant, who has also undertaken to make certain garden improvements in the town.

Much amusement was caused at a meeting of the Maidstone Board of Guardians by the reading of a letter from "Mark Twain" applying for a pair of spectacles. It was explained that the applicant was not the author of the "Innocents Abroad," but a pauper inmate of the Maidstone workhouse, whose eyesight had become defective.

The Earl and Countess of Dartmouth have returned to England from New York.

Mr. Victor Maurel has been overwhelmed with congratulations since his successful re-appearance in London, in the company under Henry Russell's management, after an absence of nine years. Talking to a few friends, the great baritone commented warmly on the kindness of the English public, who, he says, can appreciate every little detail.



QUEEN ALEXANDRA AND HER DAUGHTERS ON THE RAIL YARD
QUEEN VICTORIA

state should have character to redeem it from featureless cosmopolitanism.

Count von Bulow, at the launch of the new German battleship bearing his name, of the naval armament, said this is the reason why Germany was creating a fleet: "Those who go out from us in order to spread abroad German civilization and German industry must be assured of the firm support of the home country."

From M. Louhet, president of the French republic, a deputation representing the Church of England Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals received the assurance of his sympathy for the appointment of Rev

tal of art offered to them, and are more faithful to our friends than anyone else. M. Maurel was especially delighted by the gift given to him when he appeared on the stage before he began to sing: this is a hospitality, he says, which knows how to show appreciation of what it likes.

A record of 2,390 birds and other game fell to eight guns of the royal shooting party on Lord Lathom's estate.

The party included the Prince of Wales, his host, Lord Lathom, Lord Setton, Lord Crichton, Lord Dartrey, Colonel Bromley-Davenport, Major Wynne Finch, and Mr. Victor Cavendish. The ground covered the shooting districts in the North, and birds were in finer condition than they have been in for many years. It was an ideal day for shooting. The honors belonged to the Prince, who employed three guns, and evoked warm admiration from the sportsmen who accompanied the party by the clean and practiced manner in which he killed birds.

LUCKY LITTLE SHOP GIRL

New York World.

It was \$15,000 worth of jewels, instead of \$1,000, which a wealthy customer of Black, Starr & Frost lost from her cap a few days ago, and about which the police have been making inquiries.

But the jewels have been found, a society woman sails for Southampton today with a light heart, and there is a little shop girl who has "more money than she ever hoped to see all in a heap."

This is the story told by a member of the jewelry firm: The woman customer drove to Lord & Taylor's after making her purchases of diamonds and other jewels, and as she alighted she saw that the package was missing. She hastened back to the jewelry store, told of her loss and asked aid. Then she went to the police.

"Don't advertise that the jewels are worth more than \$1,000, or the person who finds them may think them too valuable to return," said the detectives.

The little shop girl was trudging home from a long day's work, chanced to pass the spot where a month before the arrival of the wealthy woman, making purchases for a trip abroad had passed. She saw the package in the gutter and carried it home without opening it. On the supper table the string was untied and the poor girl

was shocked to put an end to the suffering of horses wounded in battle.

Her Highness the Rane of Sarawak, who wielded the conductor's baton at a concert at Bagshot last week, is a sister of the traveler and explorer, Harry de Windt. Tall, handsome and accomplished, a clever writer and an authority on artistic matters, the Rane enjoyed the particular favor of Queen Victoria, who received her as a sovereign when she visited Her Majesty at Windsor Castle. The Rajah, otherwise Sir Charles Johnston Brooke, rules a country covering 40,000 square miles, with a population of half a million.

The Duchess of Abercorn unveiled at Ougham a memorial to the 203 officers and men of the Inniskilling Fusiliers who fell during the recent war. Erected in Court House Square, the monument is a superb piece of sculpture, on which are three figures—War, Death and Fame—the last towering above the other two and placing upon them a crown of laurel and the victor's palm.

Speaking after the ceremony, the Duke of Abercorn said the regiment had behaved with conspicuous gallantry in South Africa, every man in it doing his duty. Major-General Fitzroy Hertford replied on behalf of the Inniskillings.

Katherine, Duchess of Westminster, distributed the prizes won at the Whitechapel cheese show, and was accompanied by Lady Helen Grosvenor. Major Godsell, in seconding a vote of thanks to Her Grace, pointed out the necessity of dairy associations in Flintshire and Shropshire enlarging their markets. At one time they did a considerable trade in London, but unfortunate cheese was sometimes sold there as Cheshire, was really American. In order to get back the London market, farmers should market their cheese-making, so that the quality should be uniform and not be sent out on sale. In that way the Metropolitan business might be re-established.

King Edward has sent gifts of pleasure to the patients in Westminster, St. Thomas' and St. Mary's hospitals, the Hospital for Women, Soho square, and the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton.

Princess Alice, Queen of Prussia, went to the Post Office, Victoria Embankment, to receive a gift from the late Duke of Connaught, from the Imperial Society of Griffins on Saturday January 9, when Major Will preside on the occasion.

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Rhodesia and Lord Grey

Rhodesia, South Africa, was flourishing far more in 1895 than it is at the present time. Then business was brisk and everybody was making money; today, however, it is very different. The outlying districts in those days were crowded with prospectors; today there are virtually none. Then Rhodesian stocks and shares ruled fairly high in the market; now it would be very hard to dispose of any script at par.

Dr. Jameson was still administrator of the country, and it was not until after the fatal raid in December, 1895, that Rhodesia seemed to be getting back, instead of forging ahead. Of course, it is a country that has had more than its share of hardships and setbacks.

The pioneer column, led by F. C. Selous, the great African hunter, only took Mashonaland over, after their march from Kimberley in 1889; then came the war against Lobengula in 1893, after which his country was taken over by the Chartered Company; then came the Jameson raid in 1895, the native rising in 1896, in which both the Matabeles and Matabeles, and then came the great Boer war, which commenced in 1899, all of which events kept back the country to a very large extent, as settlers would not come in. In addition to all these troubles, Rhodesia is cursed with every scourge known to veterinary science, many of which professors do not even yet seem to know how to treat, although the Chartered Company at great expense have had Dr. Koch out there for some years. In 1896, during the native rebellion, rinderpest swept the country from German East Africa to Cape Colony, causing enormous loss. It crossed the Zambezi early in the year, undoubtedly the antelope bringing it across, as it attacked all horned animals.

During this scourge thousands of head of cattle died or were destroyed, ruining an immense number of the farming population; but then we had the late Mr. C. J. Rhodes with us; and he was ready to help deservous cases; he was a man who was wonderfully easy of access, and would willingly see every body and listen to their troubles, giving them the benefit of his own advice and nearly always substantial financial aid; consequently he was very often imposed upon, all sorts of charlatans used to follow him, but the most extraordinary one I ever heard of, the facts of which were told me by one of Mr. Rhodes' private secretaries, was that of a local dentist who had the audacity to ask for a refund for some teeth that had been lost in the past; he was not compensated, but no deserving case was ever turned away by Mr. Rhodes.

Mr. Rhodes arrived in Salisbury on one of his numerous visits just after the Matabele natives rose in 1896, and immediately went down to Bulawayo with a small contingent of Salisbury men, who were going down to help put down the rebellion. On his arrival there, he, together with Col. Collebran, acting as interpreter, went to the head of the vast plateau hills, some fifteen miles from Bulawayo, and there held an "indaba" with the native chiefs. They both went in unarmed, and the result is now history, how Mr. Rhodes talked the natives over and practically quelled the rebellion.

Immediately after the Matabele had laid down their arms, the Mashonas rose and gave endless trouble. After several murders had been committed in the outlying districts, the inhabitants of Salisbury were compelled to go into laager to defend themselves. At that time they were exceedingly short of rifles and ammunition, and were unable to arm the men properly; there were no Maxim or other machine guns, all available ones having been sent down with the Salvadoes to the Cape in Matabeleland, and they had not returned.

Fortunately, the natives never attacked the laager, and on the arrival of troops from Natal and regulars via Beira, the rising was eventually put down, and the people of Rhodesia were once more able to go to work. Nearly all the cattle were dead through the rinderpest, and all small stock and poultry had been killed off by the natives. They also destroyed all the work done at the mines they could, and broke up a lot of the machinery, so it really means starting again.

During the time we were in laager we were absolutely cut off from the outside world, as the natives had by Capt. Boys, had cut the telegraph wire. One can tell being caused by the midst of trouble at times. The first Reuter's telegram to come through after the telegraph line had been repaired, was from Port Elizabeth, informing our beleaguered garrison that "Feathers had advanced one farthing per pound."

"Most reassuring," as one of our legal lights said when he heard the news, which was the first of any kind that had been received for nearly six weeks.

It was during the year 1896 that all provisions and foodstuffs reached the highest price since the British South Africa Company had received their charter. This was owing to the fact that the rinderpest had carried off nearly all the cattle and there was no way of transporting the goods from the railhead, which was then over 200 miles from Salisbury. Nearly everything then came through the port of Beira, belonging to the Mozambique Company. One took a ship, had however managed to save five spans of cattle each sixteen (an oxen), and he was engaged by a Salisbury firm of merchants to ride goods from the railhead to Salisbury at the enormous rate of \$50 per 100 lbs. weight, so it can easily be imagined that everything had to be sold at very high prices. Ham and bacon could not be obtained under \$2 per lb.; flour (when obtainable) was \$1 per lb.; fresh meat, bad at that and often suffering with rinderpest when killed, was also \$1 per lb. All vegetables, eggs, etc., were sold by measure and fetched very high prices. Indeed, bacon fetched from \$7 to \$10 each, cabbages \$2.50, to \$4 each, carrots \$1.50, and very small—too small to be packed fresh butter \$10 per lb., eggs \$10 per dozen, and other things in like proportion. Flour was very short in the country, and the bakers made a kind of bread out of ground rice and rapoko (native grain); the loaves were very small, sold hard, and were about the size of a man's fist, and cost 50 cents each. One of these, in a glass case, was presented to Mr. Rhodes who had it hung up in Government House, Salisbury, where it still is and may be seen by anyone visiting there. About this time Col. Collebran, appointed administrator, and he did a lot of good and hard work in alleviating the position. The government, through his influence, bought up all the mites it could lay its hands on and put them on transport work, bringing up foodstuffs by way of Mafeking and Bulawayo, also from the railhead from Beira. By these means the ordinary necessities of everyday life came down to their normal prices, although these were always very high.

Rhodesia even now is one of the most expensive places to live in. Although many houses are empty, house rent is still very high, and one cannot get much of a house for \$25 a month, only four living rooms and a kitchen, and when wages, taxes, etc., are added on, it takes

Real Estate

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WANTED—An elderly man and wife to look after four children and farm, near Victoria. Apply Box 54 Colonist. d17

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WANTED—Clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers or other employed persons to do three hours' work for us in return for \$5.00. Address Ford Publishing Co., Indianapolis, U. S. A. Dept. 151. d13

WANTED—Travelling men to carry our goods where the British standard rules supreme. By the untimely death of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes only to Rhodesians is it known what the loss really means; the great interest in the country that took root, and the future that he believed would eventually be achieved, cannot be expressed. He was a wonderful man, and his loss to Rhodesia in particular and the world in general is irretrievable.

Alas many experiments with cotton and tobacco have been made by the Chartered Company, and they have proved most satisfactory, whilst further north at Blantyre coffee grown there has a name that is not excelled on the London market, a small parcel from there some years ago fetching the highest price in the home market. So that although dark days seem to be overshadowing Rhodesia temporarily, it must eventually prove a most valuable colony for the British Empire, as was well founded by its great author, and so don't let it go and not taken over that vast tract of country when he did a foreign flag would now be standing where the British standard rules supreme. By the untimely death of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes only to Rhodesians is it known what the loss really means; the great interest in the country that took root, and the future that he believed would eventually be achieved, cannot be expressed. He was a wonderful man, and his loss to Rhodesia in particular and the world in general is irretrievable.

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\$10 REWARD—For information leading to the conviction of the parties breaking glass in Mrs. Clay's new residence, corner Belcher street and Linden avenue, Thos. Catterall. d17

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FOR SALE—CHEAP—Four lots, 60x20 each, well situated in James Bay. Price and terms apply. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd. 40 Government street. d4

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CHOCOLATE MAGNETS

Kansas City Star.

Standing sentinel-like at the mouth of the great St. Lawrence river is the island of Anticosti. On the map it is whale-spared, barren of towns and rivers and bearing only the names of four capes, where the land is washed by the river.

This is the land that Henri Menier has bought with gold made in his enormous chocolate factories and has turned, still with that same yellow metal, into a principality so fair, so valuable and so completely under his rule as to exceed the envy of more than one hereditary prince.

Mr. Menier bought the island in 1895 for \$100,000, or 6 cents an acre.

After centuries of waiting the island finds its master. Never knowing rule or order, it has bowed to his dictates, with little liking for the process, at first, but in the end with a half-sullen

wonder at the many changes and improvements of the new order of things.

It is probable that he had no thought at that time of what the island would grow to mean to him. It has become the greatest hobby of his existence, beside which his passion for Arctic exploration has paled and to which he gives all the time he can spare and a prolonged visit each alternate year.

For his principality he has planned and executed, he has improved and he has colonized. Into its dark, forbidding interior he has driven roads. Along its shores he has established railroad communication. He has improved its har-

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For Ten Years.

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bors, and on the shores of one of the best of them he has built a model village, factories for the workers, homes for them all, schools and churches, and an elaborate mansion for himself.

At first he took up the subject broadly, determined to subordinate all things to his desire to have such a game preserve as no other man in the world possessed. For this purpose the island was an ideal spot. It is 130 miles long by about 27 wide, and at only one place, Fox Bay, on the northern side, had a settlement been made. Here some dozen or two families, chiefly English, had made themselves rough homes, fishing all summer and hunting in winter.

The waters that bound the island are filled with fish, lobsters, and oysters, and what was more important to the island's destiny, with lobsters, the best to be found in North American waters. All over the island rivers ran to the gulf. Inland, as M. Menier's explorations have shown, they are filled with trout. Near the salt water they are abundant in sea trout and salmon—in fact, sportsmen who have enjoyed the owner's hospitality declare that for the fisherman it is a paradise.

The woods are filled with fur-bearing animals, no one hunted more than a very small portion of them before the new owner took hold. To Canadians and to sailors and fishermen it was as completely unknown territory as is much of the wilds of Labrador today. Superstition, which holds full sway in the minds of men who sail the gulf, envied the wilds' isolation, with predicted tales of disaster to him who set foot upon its shores and filled the uplands with such dangers that the simple folk passed by.

Then, too, for years a wrecker and his helpers held sway on the south side of the island. Strange tales were told of lights he made to lure vessels into his net, and with them secure upon the rocks from all escape, he took his profit from the wrecks. For years he lived on what is known as English bay, and it is characteristic of the island's owner that part of the old wrecker's home has been used to provide shelter for M. Menier when he visits the island. No sooner had the purchase price been paid than the new owner had trouble on his hands. The settlers at Fox Bay refused to recognize his authority and defied his orders. It took a few months to bring order out of this, but in the end they yielded and left the island with all their goods and chattels.

M. Menier saw that the establishment of such a preserve as he had planned called for a scheme of colonization that would bring to the island settlers who would make it their permanent home and yet would not interfere with either its game or fish. He at first induced several French families to emigrate, but not in sufficient numbers for his purpose, and to them he has added families from Gaspe on the south and from that portion of the province of Quebec that stretches east to Labrador. He has also induced English families, mostly fishers, to settle on the island. The most approved sanitary methods were applied to the work, and the entire output is shipped to France. Work for others was found in the building of the English Bay settlement.

CLAIMS BRITISH PEERAGE.

A Remarkable Romance in Course of Development.

London, Dec. 16.—Another remarkable romance of the peerage is in course of development and will probably come before the House of Lords next spring.

The claim is to the Earldom of Stratton, a creation of 1371, and to the Earldoms of Airth and Monteith, which date back, respectively, to 1633 and 1427. The claimant is Alderman R. Barclay-Allardice of Lostwithiel, Cornwall, elder son of the late Mr. Samuel Ritchie, by his marriage with Margaret Barclay-Allardice, whose name the claimant assumed by royal Decree in 1882. His mother, who died in August of last year, was the daughter of Captain Robert Barclay-Allardice, J. P., D. L., of Ury and Allardice, in Kincardineshire, himself heir in direct line of the Earls of Strathern.

TO OPERATE REDUCTION PLANT

Method of Converting Ore Into Bullion
Will Be Shown at Portland Fair.

Portland, Dec. 17.—A real gold reduction plant in actual operation will be one of the novel sights that may be seen at the Lewis and Clark exposition next summer.

The plant will be installed in the mining building, and the methods of converting the ore into bullion will be shown. The ore will be crushed, the gold extracted and made into real gold bricks before the eyes of the visitor.

This real "live" exhibit will be one of the many of that class which will supplement the countless collection of minerals in the mines building. The curiosities will be furnished by the mining men throughout the state of Oregon, and the plant will be constantly in operation during the day.

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To prove to men that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for every form of itching, blistering and pustular piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed it.

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Reasons For The Recent Collapse

New York Herald Tells of the Slump in Montreal and Boston.

From Three and a Half Shares Drop to Fifty Cents in Few Hours.

In telling of the collapse of Montreal & Boston Consolidated, operating in the Boundary district of British Columbia, the New York Herald of December 9 says:

"It is likely that interesting developments will follow the collapse of the prolonged speculation in the shares of the Montreal & Boston Consolidated Mining Company's stock, a curb issue, which fell yesterday from \$3.56 1/4 a share to 50 cents.

"It is estimated that fully three-quarters of a million dollars have been lost somewhere in the manipulation of this stock, and it was freely hinted last night among the numerous brokers who fell victims to the speculative game that the trap had been laid and the snares had been sprung.

"At the New York Athletic Club brokers who hold Montreal & Boston stock held a meeting to decide

on what measures shall be taken to protect themselves. It is understood that the decision of this meeting has for its object the drastic punishment of those whom they believe guilty of what they term a 'plant.'

"Munro & Munroe, of No. 25 Broad street, who have been actively identified with the promotion and sale of Marconi Wireless stock, have been within the last month or two very active in the manipulation of Montreal & Boston stock.

"By all the tactics known to manipulative Wall street, Montreal & Boston stock has been brought to the attention of the speculative world. It has been freely advertised in the newspapers as a 'sure thing.'

"Purchasers of the stock were practically guaranteed against loss. To give the process an evidence of guarantee several New York stock exchange houses lent their names and assistance to the efforts to mark up the price of the stock. Curb brokers were given unlimited orders to buy and sell the issue. Scores of them were compelled to turn themselves over to the execution commissions they had received from the execution of orders entrusted to them. Yesterday, in the collapse, all these profits were swept away.

"The speculative bubble was pricked yesterday when it became known that Munro & Munroe were unable to take stocks for which they had given contracts. Instantly the price of Montreal & Boston collapsed on the curb. There was no market for it except at fractional quotations. It was at this point that the connection of stock exchange houses with the famous curb steadily developed.

"For at least half an hour the curb market was in a state of chaos. Montreal & Boston stocks, held by the unfortunate curb brokers, were sold, 'under the rule.' These sales brought anywhere from 50 cents to \$1 a share.

"The full import of the bursting of the Montreal & Boston speculative bubble was not realized until the afternoon, when it dawned upon the speculators who had been engaged in the speculation that they were involved in a 'mining prospect' in which they had a total interest of between 250,000 and 300,000 shares. These brokers had paid between \$3 and \$6.50 a share. In all the Montreal & Boston speculation had cost a group of brokers more than \$750,000.

"A circular by Ives & Whicher, members of the New York stock exchange, issued December 3 last, marked 'confidential.'

announced that firm would pay 2 per cent. in cash of the par value of the stock provided it was deposited with Ives & Whicher before December 19. This offer of 10 cents a share was made contingent on the execution of an option to Ives & Whicher for \$6 a share."

THIS SHOULD SETTLE IT.

Hamilton Herald.

"Solely for the benefit of the Ottawa Free Press, which will have it that Lady Curzon is the 'Viceroy' of India, we reproduce the following from the Philadelphia Ledger, one of the most sensible of American journals:

"Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy of India, and sometimes very erroneously described as the 'Viceroy' of India, which latter title is not correct, is to speak of Mrs. Pennypacker as the governess of Pennsylvania, or Mrs. Roosevelt as the presidentess of the United States.

British Hardware.—Mr. Hugh McCloud, of the firm of McCloud Bros., wholesale hardware merchants of Birmingham, England, is on route to the coast, exploiting the advantages of the English market for the hardware business in this country. He states that the regulation that came into force in Canada on October 1 requiring the exporter to declare in all invoices the marketable value of the commodity sold, will have a great effect in preventing the extensive dumping from the United States which has prevailed for the past three years. The fact, together with the liberal preference allotted to Britain, will give the English manufacturers every opportunity to successfully compete in the Canadian market.

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WOOL MOTOR CAPS, each 75c.
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FEATHER STOLES, VERY WIDE AND 96 INCHES LONG, each \$7.50

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Our last lot for the season received by mail.

NEW BLACK SILK WAISTS \$2.75
NEW FLANNELETTE WAISTS 90c. to \$1.40 EACH

WHITE SILK WAISTS \$1.10, \$1.75 and \$2.75

NEW HATS, JACKETS AND SKIRTS TO HAND BY MAIL EVERY MONTH.

NEW CRAVENETTE WATERPROOF'S TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK.

Weak Men, Stop Drugging AND APPLY NATURE'S REMEDY.

Are you as well and strong as you look, or have you weak nerves, poor memory, stupid feelings, lost ambition, lame back, rheumatism and kindred troubles, or a general run-down condition of your entire system?

Have you doctored without benefit? Is your stomach ruined from drugs and your money wasted? Are you tired of trying useless remedies? Then come to me. I have a positive and certain cure for you in

DR. McLAUGHLIN'S ELECTRIC BELT.

You put it on when you go to bed and sleep peacefully under the influence of its warming, vitalizing power. You awake full of ambition, with a healthy desire to tackle your day's work. Each day you gain new life from it, and soon begin to feel yourself a man among men. Each symptom gradually disappears, strength takes the place of weakness, and your life is made happy by the restoration of your old health.

CURES FROM ALL OVER CANADA.

"I only wore your Belt four weeks, and it did me a power of good. It is a grand thing." Alfred Trousse, Nairn Centre, Ont.

F. A. Riddell, Midland, Ont.

"I can now say that I am a cured man. The permanency of the cure to my back is beyond all doubt." T. H. Wheatland, Mandan, Man.

"If I knew I could not get another of your Belts I would not take \$500 for mine." Albert Ponce, North Hatley, Que.

"I was a complete wreck, but your Belt has made a man of me. Truly your Belt is a boon from Heaven for the ills of men and women." John S. Kaiser, Beckerton, N.S.

"I am well pleased with your Belt, and can recommend it to all weak men." Richard Brill, Revelstoke, B.C.

CALL TO-DAY. I will be glad to give you a free test, if you will call. Consultation free. Or I will send you my FREE BOOK, with full information, sealed, free. My Belt not sold in drug stores.

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FULLERTON'S Stock Reducing Sale OF BOOTS AND SHOES

I have decided to reduce my present large stock of boots and shoes and am offering

BEST KNOWN STANDARD MAKES

At greatly reduced prices. This is a genuine sale. The boots which I will offer are regular stock lines AT PRICES WHICH MUST SELL THEM. Remember these are not a job lot, but my regular stock. A few of the many lines which will be offered may be mentioned:

MEN'S

29 pair Keith's (American) Gent's Black and Tan, G. Welt, Lace, \$5.00; now	\$3.50
32 pair McPherson's Gent's Congress, \$3.00; now	\$2.25
42 pair Men's Box Calf Lace, Lined, Plain Toe, \$4.00; now	\$2.85
39 pair Vich Welt Lace, \$3.50; now	\$2.75
22 pair McPherson Gent's Pat. Pump, \$3.50; now	\$2.50
30 pair Men's Black Pullman Slippers, \$2.00; now	\$1.40
33 pair Men's Good Quality Watertight, \$2.50; now	\$1.90
MEN'S LONG GUM BOOTS	\$2.00

BOYS'

30 pair Grain School Boots, 1 to 5, \$1.50; now	\$1.20
39 pair Boston Calf, 1 to 5, \$1.50; now	\$1.20
60 pair Boys' Prime Buff, Standard Fastened, 1 to 5, \$1.75; now	\$1.45
29 pair Boys' Good Wear Boots, 3 to 4s, 5s, at	\$1.00
39 pair Boys' Fine Box, 1 to 5, \$2.25; now	\$1.85
40 pair Youths' Boston Calf, 10 to 18, \$1.25; now	95c.

LADIES'

29 pair Utz & Dunn's (American) Ladies' Patent Lace, all sizes, \$4.00; now	\$3.00

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